



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: De Keczer et al.)
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Request for Extension of Time

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) applicants hereby petition that the period of response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003 be extended for three months to and including March 5, 2004.

Please charge the fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a) (3) in the amount of \$950.00 to Dade Behring's Deposit Account # 04-0010. Please apply any other charges or credits to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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